

FEAST OF LIGHTS TO BE OBSERVED BY DULUTH JEWS

Special Services to Be Held in Synagogues Beginning Dec. 12.

Chanukah, known as the Feast of Lights, will be observed by Duluth Jews beginning at sunset on Sunday, Dec. 12, and continuing for eight days. Special services for the occasion will be held at the Adas Israel synagogue and at Temple Emanuel. An appropriate celebration is also being planned by the Hebrew Institute, at Third avenue East and Third street.

Celebrate Victory.

The feast of Chanukah, which means the "Rededication" is celebrated by Jews throughout the world. After a lapse of almost 2,000 years the Jews will celebrate the defeat of the great army of Antiochus, the madman, who invaded Palestine to spread the spurious "kultur" of Syria. This "kultur" consisted of the worship of the statue of Jupiter, a practice offensive to the Jews, and the indulgence in orgies that disgusted the moral sensibilities of the stern fathers of Judea. The Jewish people organized an army under the leadership of the Maccabean family, Mattathias, the father, and his five sons. They waged a war for many years in defense of religious liberty, and triumphed.

Anniversary Now Observed.

When Judas Maccabeus, at the close of the third year of the conflict recaptured Jerusalem, he cleansed the temple, threw out the heathen statues and rededicated the altar to the worship of one God. This took place on the twenty-fifth day of the Hebrew month Kislev and the anniversary is now celebrated as the Feast of Rededication.

A curious feature of the festival is found in the practice of lighting one candle on the first evening, two on the second, three on the third, and so on, until the eighth day is reached. This is based upon an incident in the capture of Jerusalem relating to a legendary cruse of oil that ordinarily lasted but for one day, but on this occasion miraculously burned for eight days until the supply could be renewed.